John Hancock Esqr. London 24th July 1770.

Dear Sir

We confirm the foregoing for Copy of our last respects, & have now to acknowledge receipt of a Letter from Mr. Palfrey of the 1st of June, in which he informs us by your directions, of your having charterd the Pratt for South Carolina & Cowes, but refers us for the particular terms of the Contract to your next. We dare say you have done what appeared to you for the best, & shall rest well satisfied with whatever that is. The Certificate for Mrs. Billings's pension for 1767. we have recd, but before that came to hand we had settled for her up to Decr. 1769 & have credited Mr. Thos. Gray's Acco. for the produce of it, & you'll please either settle it with him, or if it is more agreeable we will debit him & credit you for the amount of one year. This will we hope be delivered you by Capt. Scott of your Ship Lydia, who now returns with a better Freight, all things considered, than we expected. We shall beg leave to refer you to Capt. Scott for the particular difficulties just now attending Ships. We have made a point of giving Scott all we were able, & if he had done as all the rest of the Ships now here do, except yours there is no doubt he would have been quite full, but after the clear orders given us in yours recd by him. We did not dare let him take on board any but licensd [illegible]. We have paid him £160. as Pr. his Receipt enclosed, for £100. of which he has directed us to Debit you in Acco. Curr. & to charge the other £60 in the Ships Acco. to which we conform, & you'll please note it accordingly. We have agreeable to your orders shipp'd on board him 20 Tons of Hemp for yor. Acct. Invoice & Bill of Lading for which you will find enclosed amt. to £525..14..7 on wch. we have made £530. Insce. pm. &c being £13..7..9. As the Letters recd by Jarvis have brought some orders & give us a prospect of obtaining some licensed Goods for White we have resolved upon keeping him a Fortnight, & we hope we shall find enough to make it worth his while to stay that time, at the expiration of which we intend to dispatch him. The Money for

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Cargo falls due the end of this week, when have no doubt but we shall rece[ive] it, & we will then pay Mess.rs Harrison & C.o as mention'd in our last whose [...] Receipt our next will enclose you. The Whalebone rec'd by Scott remains unsold, & no prospect of its selling till the full success of the Greenland Fishery is known, w.ch still remains uncertain. Oyl & Ashes are much the same as in our last, but Whale Oyl will certainly be low. The Seal Fishery both in Greenland & Newfoundland has been very successfull, w.ch will reduce the price of Whale Oyl. We are &c.

27.th July Capt. Scott not having taken away his Bag till this Evening, gives us an opp.y of enclosing Mess.rs Harrison & C.o their Receipt for £1500 paid them this day.

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Dear Sir 9 Aug.t 1770

Since our last of which the above is Copy We have rec'd Your esteemed favour of 29.th June by Your Brig.t Lydia Capt. Jos. Hood, by whom we have Invoice & bill of Lading for Oyl Tarr & Whalefins cons.d us by that vessel, which shall be landed as fast as possible & the greatest care taken to dispose of them to the best advantage & the Acc.t Sales forwarded in due time. We shall attend to Your instructions of dispatching [her] back to You as soon as possible, & You may rely upon it that we will give her all the assistance in allowed freight that we are able. The Goods of that sort which You order for Your self shall be gott ready & shipped on board her, & you may depend upon our utmost care that every article shall be purchased upon the best terms.

We are obliged to You for the particulars You mention respecting the Pratt, & have not the least doubt of Your having acted perfectly right in that affair, We are sure we shall be satisfied with whatever You have done: The Money You have advanced for her being £83.17.9

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that [illegible] placed to Your credit: We shall be hoping in Your next for the particulars of [illegible] as we do not at present know what freight she is to have or any other circumstance respecting it & we shall be at a loss without those particulars to know how to act upon her arrival at Cowes

We wish we could give You any favourable Accounts respecting the repeal of the Tea duty, but nothing can be done in that till the meeting of Parliament; We dont expect they will meet till towards Christmas & when they do we think it is very uncertain whether it will be repealed or not; It seems very clear that if the present Ministry continue in power it will not be repealed, but we hope before that time there may be a change & then tis probable the friends of America may have more Influence than they have at present—

We have several times since Watts's arrival talked wth Mr Syme about Your demand on that Ship, but have not been able to obtain from him any thing satisfactory relative thereto, but upon the whole he seems rather to think he shall be able to pay us a part if not the whole but refers us to a distant time for his final determination; We shall be attentive to renew our applications to him & You shall know when any thing decisive is done therein; We shall not be unmindful of the Interest & damages but at present he seems averse to any allowance of that sort

This we hope You will receive by Capt. White, who now returns to You with every thing we had of licensed Goods wch we could possibly ship on board her & indeed all he has on board is of our shipping

Enclosed You have Invo. & bill of Loading for the Hemp You ordered for our Account amounting to £273. 4 on wch we have made £200 Insurance Prem & c. being £4. 2. 9. You have also enclosed the Captns Rect. for £150. advanced him on the Vessels Acct which will be charged in her Account of freight, wch Acco. shall be transmitted You

as soon as we have settled with the freighters, in which no [illegible]ime shall be lost — The £1500 p[illegible] [illegible]sons &c. for which we sent You their Rect in our last [illegible] [illegible]e understand the last payment we had orders to make them. We shall therefore pay them no more without Your further orders; If we mistake Your meaning in this particular it will be of no great consequence as Your answer to this Letter will be with us before we shall be in Cash for Hood's Cargo & if not, we shall allow Interest for any money of Yours that may happen to remain in our hands — The present nominal price of White Oyl is £25 ℔ Ton, at which we shall be glad to dispose of what we have Recd by Hood, Pott Ash is 42/ ℔ [illegible] We wish You had been so fortunate as to have a large quantity on board him of that article — Whalefins dont yett sell at any price but if the Accots we have of the total failure of the American fishery prove true Fins must sell for a good price

We are with the truest esteem Dr Sir
Your most Obliged humble Servts
Hayley & Hopkins

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